

Amendments to the Claims

The current listing of the claims replaces all previous amendments and listings of the claims.

1.-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) Earpiece for behind-the-ear parts of hearing acoustics devices, comprising:

32 — a shank adapted to follow an outer edge of a patient's cavum conchae;

34 — an angled traverse segment connected with the shank and configured to be disposed above the patient's antitragus and to extend in a direction of the patient's porus acusticus externus; and

a broadened portion disposed on the angled traverse segment defining a bore configured to hold a signal conductor in an upper ~~region~~ half of the patient's auditory canal and to prevent the signal conductor from covering a portion of a lower ~~region~~ half of the patient's auditory canal.

16. (Previously Presented) Earpiece according to Claim 15, further comprising:

a flexible signal conductor disposed in the broadened portion.

17. (Previously Presented) Earpiece according to Claim 15, wherein the broadened portion includes an auditory canal tab configured to be disposed only in the upper region of the patient's auditory canal.

18. (Currently Amended) Earpiece ~~according to Claim 17~~ for behind-the-ear parts of hearing acoustics devices, comprising:

a shank adapted to follow an outer edge of a patient's cavum conchae;

an angled traverse segment connected with the shank and configured to be disposed above the patient's antitragus and to extend in a direction of the patient's porus acusticus externus; and

a broadened portion disposed on the angled traverse segment configured to hold a signal conductor in an upper region of the patient's auditory canal and to prevent the signal conductor from covering a portion of a lower region of the patient's auditory canal,

wherein the broadened portion includes an auditory canal tab configured to be disposed only in the upper region of the patient's auditory canal, and

wherein the auditory canal tab comprises structure defining a bore configured to hold the signal conductor.

19. (Previously Presented) Earpiece according to Claim 17, wherein the auditory canal tab has a diameter that is less than a diameter of the patient's auditory canal.

20. (Previously Presented) Earpiece according to Claim 15, wherein the shank comprises a second shank connecting with the angled traverse segment and extending in an opposite direction to the shank, the second shank configured to follow the outer edge of the patient's cavum conchae.

21. (Previously Presented) Earpiece according to Claim 20, wherein the second shank is adapted to extend to a location behind the patient's antitragus.

22.-29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously Presented) Earpiece according to Claim 15, wherein the at least one of the shank, the angled traverse segment, and the broadened portion is adapted for use with cochlear implant microphones, CI BTE processors, and BTE tinnitus systems.

31. (Canceled)